

REMARKS

Claims 9-20 are pending in the application. Claim 9 has been amended, leaving claims 9-20 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. On March 3, 2002, Applicant filed an amendment and response to an Office Action dated December 3, 2003. Applicant submits this amendment to further amend claim 9. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Supplemental Amendment submitted herewith.

In view of the Amendment submitted on March 3, 2002 and the Amendment submitted herewith, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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